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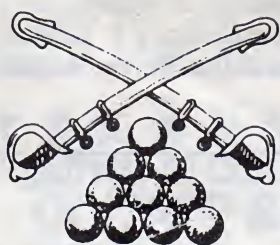
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## OCTOBER MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
11 October 1990  
time: 6:15 p.m.  
Mess Call  
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

If you will come to the meeting this month, you will be privileged to hear a presentation by one of the teen-aged members of our Camp. JEFFREY MORRIS will present a program on the "Sultana Disaster". Jeffrey says if you would like to read more about this episode, you might want to refer to the August issue of the "Blue and Gray" magazine. Jeffrey is a Senior at Round Rock's Westwood High School and is a Drum Major in the Band. Upon graduating next spring, he hopes to travel to Houston to study at Rice Institute. Come and enjoy the presentation of this very able and capable young man who is certainly a credit to his generation. May we see you there?



## HELP! HELP! HELP! UNIFORMED SOLDIERS NEEDED

The Battery has taken on a number of projects for which we need your help, please. If you can help for any time at all on the following, please contact Cdr. David Morris so he can add you to the list. If you have a uniform, how about lending us your aid?

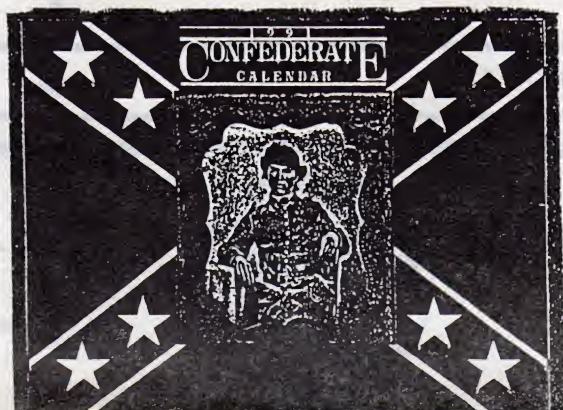
Each fall we do an artillery demonstration and educational display at the Austin PARD Pioneer Farm Fall Festival. This year's Fall Festival will be held the weekend of October 20-21. We will set up on Saturday morning. The event starts at noon each day. How about volunteering for one or both afternoons?

The Battle of Ogletree Gap will take place on October 27-28. In the past this event has taken place in August. There will be several battles taking place over the two days. We could use your help in fighting Yankees for part of or all of these two days up in Copperas Cove. If you want to help, contact David Morris.



## CONFEDERATE CALENDARS - 1991

Compatriot Lawrence Jones has made available the 1991 Confederate Calendar to us to use as a fund raiser again this fall. The price is still \$7.95. The camp gets a commission for each one sold. This year the camp voted to order 15 calendars. Of this 15, ten (10) were spoken for at the September meeting. If you want one, get yours at the October meeting or from your Adjutant.



## FRUITCAKES FOR SALE

Again this fall the Ways & Means Committee is offering to you the chance to buy one of the best holiday fruitcakes available anywhere. The DeLuxe Fruitcake from the Collin Street Bakery, 401 W. 7th Ave., Corsicana, T. 75110, #(214) 872-8111, is offered to you for the holidays or to send as a gift to someone else. You order these yourself. When you do, tell them to credit your order to Camp #59 SCV in Austin. We will receive a commission on all orders sold. A price list is included for your convenience. Order yours today.

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All Other Foreign Deliveries: Allow 6 to 12 weeks for delivery. For each cake add: \$3.95 to regular; \$4.45 to medium; \$4.95 to large.

## From the . . . Editor's Desk



### THE "CIVIL WAR"

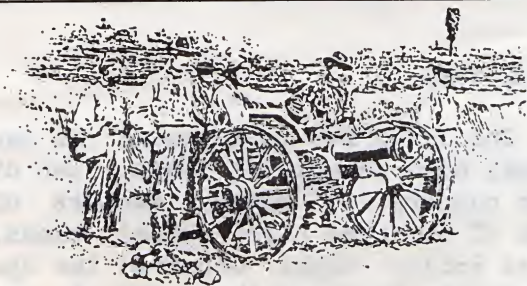
Well, PBS offered the big event to thousands of Americans to view the "wonderful" documentary on the WBTS. I heard comments of "wonderful", "marvelous", and so "educational". People said they sure learned a lot.

Your camp sent negative reviews to all area schools. In at least one instance, some results were achieved.

I wonder what damage has been done to our cause? Through innuendo, attitudes presented, comparative images, the Northern "truth", we may have lost another battle against the injustice we have always fought. Only this time those whom we have lost do not even know they have been brainwashed. The packaging is slick. The anti-Southern feeling is not necessarily blatant. Viewers go away with the feeling that now they know the facts of the War. Will it ever be our turn to tell our side? This is why your membership, our activities, and the stands we take to preserve our culture are so important. We continue to need your help. The opposition is so tireless.

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### THE SOUTH IN NORTHERN EYES, Part III (final installment of a 3-part series)

The next generation of New York writers active during the 1850's and 60's included such famous names as Herman Melville, William C. Bryant, and Walt Whitman.

Melville was reluctant to express his views on the South, never identifying himself with any political faction. He exposed his feelings in his work as an artist and not as a propagandist. His writings showed that he considered the Southerner's way of life to be based on the intimidation of a less fortunate group. He had no solution to the South's predicament.

Bryant was editor of the New York Evening Post for over 30 years. He was the only major Northern writer of the period who had first hand knowledge of the South. He traveled widely in the South and was impressed by the cities and by Southern manners. He admitted that in manners, Southerners were superior to Northerners. He was a free-soil man with respect for States' Rights. His knowledge of the South was a great advantage to him in later years. It saved him from the common Northern error of oversimplifying the Southern economic problem. He believed the South would one day free itself of slavery.

The Post regarded "abolitionism" as a source of the "bitterest enmity" between sections. When the Post discussed the plight of the black in

American Society; it pointed to the North where it cited many examples of prejudice. It was expressly Northern, but it did print the Southern point of view and tried to maintain an even hand.

Whitman was one of Bryant's many admirers. He also had a free-soil view and had first hand knowledge of the South. He was more outspoken than Bryant about the abolitionists. He called them carping extremists who needlessly strained the bonds of Union. He lost his job as editor of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle over his free-soil ideals. He became disillusioned with party machinery and turned his efforts to non-political writing. He had an affection for the South but hated slavery. He was a lover of all mankind; he had respect for all people and for this reason could write poetically about the South without giving up his integrity as a social thinker. His respect for the worth of the individual was always there. Consequently the Southerners he pictured in The Leaves of Grass were invested of human dignity.

Whitman stayed close to the center of things during the War after seeing a group of prisoners in May 1863. He wrote "we talk brave and get excited and indignant over the Rebels and drink perdition to them, but I realize how all anger sinks to nothing in sight of these young men."

A letter Hawthorne wrote to a friend in England in 1861 fairly sums up the situation. "We have also gone to war, and we seem to have little, or at least a very misty idea of what we are fighting for. It depends upon the speaker; and that, again, depends upon the section of the country in which his sympathies are enlisted.

The Southerner will say, "We fight for States Rights, liberty, and independence." The middle western man will avow that he fights for the Union, while our Northern and Eastern men will swear that from the beginning his only idea was liberty to the blacks and the annihilation of slavery. All are thoroughly in earnest, and all pray for the blessing of heaven to rest upon the enterprise."



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## MEDAL AWARDED TO EDITH WILLIAMS

After using a ruse to get EDITH WILLIAMS to attend September's camp meeting, she was presented with the SCV Ladies Appreciation Medal. In our recent history, we have only awarded this medal upon two ladies.

Edith is the outgoing President of the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She has said that she considers Camp #59 her "home camp". She has accomplished a great deal during her tenure as president. In awarding her the medal, Cdr. Taylor said it was due to her "dedication to the Confederate Cause", her support and cooperation with this camp, her duties as President, and "many other efforts well done". Congratulations to a great lady, a true Southern belle.

## CAMP NEWS

The South is represented in two local high schools at least. Two of our numbers are active members of two of our area high school bands. Last Friday night occurred the opportunity to watch them both at one and the same time. JEFFREY MORRIS, Compatriot and son of Compatriot Joe Dale Morris is a Drum Major in the Westwood High School Band of Round Rock. Jeff plays the trombone and hopes to do well in competition this year. Compatriot TODD HECTOR is a Freshman at Pflugerville High School and plays the bass clarinet in the band. He is the son of your Adjutant and Editor. Both fathers were avid members of their school band programs and are very proud to see their sons enjoying the band also.

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